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TWO AMERICANS KILLED IN BATTLE AGAINST VILLA BAND; BAY STATE TROOPS UNDER FIRE

NEW SERUM TREATMENT TRIED HERE

Dr. Abraham Sophian's Discovery, Praised in New York, Improves Condition of Poliomyelitis Sufferers in Hillside Home—All Are Recovering.

Two New Suspected Cases Found Today—Director Courtade's Refusal to Aid Health Board Regretted By Expert—Seek to Pave Many More Streets.

Through the announcement today that the Kingston hospital authorities in New York have had success administering a new serum treatment to infantile paralysis patients, it became known that Dr. Abraham Sophian, the expert in charge here, is the discoverer of the method and that Bridgeport sufferers are prospering under the treatment.

All the poliomyelitis victims at Hillside home are recovering, according to Dr. Sophian. The new treatment that is being given them consists of taking a quantity of serum from a convalescent victim of the disease, withdrawing a small amount of the spinal fluid of a sufferer and injecting the serum in its place. It is said the serum aids in stimulating the manufacture of a poison within the body which attacks that caused by the disease.

Two girls, both aged eight, were taken to Hillside home today and placed under observation as possible sufferers of poliomyelitis. They are Geraldine Kunkel, 147 Denver avenue and Annie Horvath, 173 Pine street.

Miss Everett, aged seven, of 218 Union avenue, reported last week as a suspected case of poliomyelitis. She is recovering from the disease. Rudolph Cox, aged three, of 227 Union avenue, was placed under observation at his home, as a suspect.

Vivian Leare of 1287 State street was sent to her home this morning after observation at Hillside. She suffers only a minor illness. Quarantines were raised today on the houses at 263 Brooks street, 798 Madison avenue and 122 George street.

Difficulty has been experienced by Dr. Sophian in getting the co-operation of Director of Public Works Jacob A. Courtade, in the movement of the health conditions. Director Courtade has refused to flush the streets with fire hose, as Dr. Sophian suggested.

Since he has been here, Dr. Sophian has been trying to avoid antagonizing anybody, not for his own sake, but for the sake of Bridgeport's health. The refusal of the authorities here to co-operate with him, it is pointed out, will hurt the city, not Dr. Sophian.

"For some technical reason," Dr. Sophian said today, "Director Courtade has refused to flush the streets with fire hose. Very well. We shall get them as clean as we can by other means. We have exhausted moral suasion. I hope that everything will be done by everybody concerned to prevent antagonism. It will hurt Bridgeport. I shall leave here and may never be here again. So it makes little difference to me that attitude is taken, except that in the larger view of the thing, the interests of the city will be hurt."

Dr. Sophian said he understood the director's force would be greatly increased, however, for the purpose of doing things in his own way. The mayor has assured him also, Dr. Sophian said, that at the next meeting of the common council, a measure will be introduced asking the approval of the council for raising money to pave as many streets as possible. This is desirable, Dr. Sophian said.

A meeting of the health board was held at 3 o'clock today.

Ansonia Has First Death of Paralysis

Ansonia, Conn., July 31.—The first death from infantile paralysis in this city was reported this morning, Joseph, the five year old son of Mr. and Mrs. John Burns of 13 North street, dying Sunday night.

The child was taken ill Friday. The disease was reported to the health officials Saturday as infantile paralysis. Horace Smith, aged two years, the only other victim of the malady in this city, is reported as improving.

TWO NEW CASES IN STATE. Hartford, Conn., July 31.—Only two new cases of infantile paralysis were reported to the state board of health today. One was from Lebanon, the other from Sharon. Dr. J. T. Black, secretary, considers that the disease is decreasing.

New York, July 31.—The mortality list jumped today in the epidemic of infantile paralysis while the number (Continued on Page 2.)

UNCONSCIOUS AT WHEEL, WRECKS BIG AUTO TRUCK

Fairfield is Scene of Sensation Motor Car Smash in Early Morning.

DRIVER STRICKEN WITH DIZZY SPELL

Huge Automobile, Filled With Bread, Mows Down Pole and Hits Tree.

(Special to The Farmer.)

Fairfield, July 31.—An unconscious man at the wheel, one of the largest and heaviest motor trucks designed, traveling at a tremendous rate of speed, plunged through Fairfield's main street early this morning, scattering pedestrians and missing by inches the other vehicles on the road, until it veered from the pavement, cleaved a telegraph pole off at the base and smashed into a big elm tree.

Charles Veits of New York, the driver, was crushed between the wrecked forepart of the machine and the partitions in back of his seat. His chest and stomach were smashed in. The extent of his injuries isn't known but he is in a serious condition.

The truck is the property of the Ward Baking Co., which conducts a motor truck service between New York and Bridgeport. Veits was taking 5,000 loaves of bread and hundreds of wrapped cakes to the grocers of this city.

Service requires maintenance of great speed between New York and Bridgeport and shortly after 8 o'clock this morning, Veits was completing the last mile of his journey.

The big truck had just passed Mill River when Veits was seized with an attack of vertigo. Near Perry's block he became unconscious and slumped forward on the wheel.

Traveling at a tremendous pace, the truck struck for a minute to the crown of the roadway and drivers turned out to give it the road. Then, suddenly, it plunged from the pavement to the north side of the road, snapped a telegraph pole clean as easily as a man would break a clay pipestem, and shot into a big elm tree.

The huge car just crashed. The great radiator, hood, springs, etc., were crushed back against the van. Steel parts nearly severed the trunk of the tree. The van cracked and broke, and the heavy engine dropped to the roadway.

Veits was revived by the shock. The crash was heard many hundreds of yards away, and persons who came running were attracted by his moans. Frank Howden, Frank Johnson and Herbert Smith had a difficult time extricating him. Rather plump, he was jammed between the back of the seat and the wreckage, with the steering wheel imbedded against his solar plexus. By tearing at the wreckage, they succeeded in lifting him from the trap.

They assisted him to the office of Dr. W. H. Donaldson. The latter found severe injuries to Veits' chest and stomach but was unable to determine then if he had internal injuries. He said this morning he would have Veits removed to a hospital.

An hour or so later, half a dozen men and a team of horses were sent up to the wreckage and the supplies were removed and taken to their destination.

It was said at the scene of the accident that before taking out the truck, Veits had complained of being ill. No substitute was arranged for Veits. He has been suffering stomach trouble.

Hot Wave to Stick, Says U. S. Observer

Washington, July 31.—After breaking several heat records in the western upper lake region, the hot wave today had spread into the middle and south Atlantic states.

Cooler weather was predicted by weather bureau officials for Tuesday in the lake region and eastern New York, but elsewhere in the east the heat will maintain torrid temperatures.

ZEPPELIN RAIDER OVER BRITISH COAST ROUTED IN FIGHT AND CLOUDS

London, July 31.—The second raid within a week of the east coast of England by a Zeppelin air ship was this morning. An official statement announcing the raid says the airship was engaged by a British aeroplane. The official statement follows: "At 5:15 o'clock this morning one of our aeroplanes pursued and attacked a Zeppelin 30 miles off the east coast. The pilot had fired more than two trays of ammunition into the Zeppelin when he was temporarily incapacitated by a portion of his machine gun flying off.

"The Zeppelin was nowhere to be seen when the aeroplane recovered its lost piece."

BRITISH CLAIM GAINS.

London, July 31.—As the result of local encounters in the region of the River Somme the British troops last night advanced their posts at several points on the plateau to the north of the town of Bazentin-le-Petit. It was officially announced this afternoon.

GERMAN LINES HOLD.

Berlin, July 31.—Anglo-French troops in their attack on Sunday against the German positions in the region of the River Somme did not gain a foot of ground, according to the German army headquarters staff in its statement issued today.

GERMANS IN ATTACKS.

Paris, July 31.—North of the Somme yesterday evening and last night, the Germans redoubled their counter attacks between the Hem wood and Monacu farm, says the official statement issued this afternoon by the French war department. The struggle was especially severe around Mounac farm, where the Germans got a footing for a moment but were immediately driven back.

RUSSIANS PURSUE TEUTONS.

Petrograd, July 31.—In the region of Brody, on the Volhynian and Galician frontier, Russian troops are pursuing the Austro-German armies, it was officially announced here today and have reached the rivers Graberki and Sereth.

DUTCH SHIP HITS MINE.

London, July 31.—The Dutch mail steamship Koninck Wilhelmina has struck a mine near the North Hinder lightship, says a despatch from the Hague to Reuters Telegram Co. The passengers left the vessel in the lifeboats and made for the lightship.

FOREST FIRES THROUGH ONTARIO RAZE SEVERAL TOWNS; 200 ARE KILLED

Englehart, Ont., July 31.—Figures regarding the loss of life in Northern Ontario through the razing of half a dozen towns by forest fires were still lacking today. Figures at hand lead to the belief that at least 200 are dead.

The known dead are: At Nushka, 57; Cochrane, 18; Matheson, 34; Iroquois Falls, 17; and Ramore, 15; a total of 141. In addition, it is known that there has been loss of life at Porcupine Junction, where only the railroad station escaped the flames.

Iroquois Falls, where great paper mills are located, was not entirely burned as reported last night.

Advices today state that the paper mills and one store were saved from the flames. Nushka, Matheson and Ramore were entirely burned over and Cochrane nearly so. Houses on two of its small avenues were saved.

At Timmins the fire was checked in the outskirts after 17 houses had been burned.

Late reports say fires are still raging in many directions, but believed the worst is over.

TRUMBULL MEN COMPLAINING OF PERILOUS ROAD

Tell County Commissioners Disrepair Makes Highway Dangerous.

Sharp words were passed when Trumbull summer residents appeared before the county commissioners this morning to demand repairs on the road leading from Beardsley park to Trumbull center. First Selectman Lester Shelton of Trumbull was on hand ready to repel all assaults and he defended his course vigorously. It developed that Selectman Shelton had stolen a march on his opponents by having the road repaired since the petition was filed.

THOMAS O'BRIEN REAPPOINTED TO ASSESSOR'S JOB

Mayor Announces Another Four Year Term For Board Member.

BEATS OUT MOOREY AND DAVID FENELON

Friends of Two Competitors Boomed Them For the Position.

Mayor Wilson has announced the appointment of Thomas O'Brien, Democrat, as tax assessor for another term of four years from August 1. Mr. O'Brien was appointed four years ago during the first term of Mayor Wilson and his term of office for the first appointment expired tonight. The reappointment of Assessor O'Brien will meet with general approval both in political and real estate circles. By temperament and experience he is considered eminently fitted for the position. The notice that he might have a reappointment if he cared to accept, was sent Mr. O'Brien last Thursday. No official announcement of the appointment was made until today.

Early in the year the rumor became current that Mr. O'Brien would not be reappointed. Friends of former Assessor David Fenelon and former Alderman Isaac Moorey then busied themselves in behalf of former officials and until the announcement of the reappointment of Mr. O'Brien friends of each man believed he had a chance. For Mr. Fenelon and Mr. Moorey, it might be said that neither made any effort to get the place and whatever was done in their behalf was the work of their friends.

Mr. O'Brien has long been active in Democratic politics. He was at one time candidate for the Democratic nomination for mayor. He lives at 187 West Liberty street in the First district. He formerly resided in the Second district.

CHILD, AGED 4, FALLS TO DEATH OFF BALUSTRADE

Reaching For Garments on Line, Little Girl Drops 25 Feet to Walk.

Losing her balance as she leaned too far over a balustrade of the porch on the rear of the second floor of 58 Allen street, about 7 o'clock this morning, four-year-old Jennie Burakowski fell about 25 feet, striking on her head on the cement sidewalk. She was killed almost instantly. Her mother, from the kitchen window, had cautioned the child to be careful but a second after she spoke the youngster fell headlong to the ground.

The child had just finished breakfast and when the mother told her to put on her shoes and stockings, she demurred saying that she wanted to go barefooted. Cautioned by her mother to be careful as she was likely to get nails in her feet, the child went to the rear porch and was dancing around.

Projecting from the stoop is a revolving clothes drier and the child, seeing some of her garments on the line, leaned over the railing to grasp them. The mother, busy with her work in the kitchen, wondered why the child seemed so quiet, and looking out the window saw her leaning over the rail.

Mrs. Burakowski called to Jennie to be careful and had no sooner turned her back than the child lost her balance and fell to the pavement. The woman who lives on the first floor of the house and a woman next door, who was standing in her rear yard, saw the child fall and screamed as the small body struck the sidewalk.

They went to the child's side but there was not a sign of life. The mother, on hearing the screams of the other women, chanced to look out of the window and saw that the child was not on the stoop. Seeming to realize that the child had fallen to the ground she ran to the porch and looking over saw the prostrate form in the hands of the neighbors.

The child was taken upstairs and a call was sent in for the ambulance, but upon its arrival Dr. E. B. Weldon pronounced the child dead. Her skull was fractured. He removed the body to Cullinan & Mullins' morgue after notifying Medical Examiner S. M. Garlick.

Mrs. Burakowski was almost overcome with grief and had to be cared for by neighbors. Her husband, an employee of the Locomobile Co., who had bid the child good bye when starting out for his day's work, only a few minutes before the accident, was summoned home and he made arrangements for the funeral.

MISSOURI CAMPAIGN HAS MANY CANDIDATES

St. Louis, Mo., July 31.—With chief interest centering in Republican and Democratic contests for the gubernatorial nomination and campaigning practically ended, political leaders today settled down to wait the voting tomorrow in Missouri primary, at which nominations will be made for United States senators, members of Congress and a long list of state officials.

Senator James A. Read, candidate for re-nomination by the Democrats, is opposed by L. A. Nastin of Chillicothe. The candidates for the Republican senatorial nomination are Thomas J. Akins of St. Louis, Nathan Frank of St. Louis and Walters Dickey of Kansas City.

OUTLAWS CROSS BORDER TO STEAL HORSES AND ARE ATTACKED BY CAVALRY PATROL—MASSACHUSETTS INFANTRYMEN SUPPORT MOUNTED TROOPS IN SHARP CLASH—ONE CAVALRYMAN AND U. S. CUSTOMS INSPECTOR KILLED, AND ALL OF BANDITS ARE REPORTED SLAIN.

El Paso, Tex., July 31.—Two Americans were killed and one wounded in a clash with Mexican bandits who had crossed the Rio Grande five miles below Fort Hancock, Tex., early today. There were five bandits in the party, all of whom were killed.

Private John Twoney, of Troop F, 8th United States cavalry and Robert Woods, a United States customs inspector, were killed.

Sergeant Lewis Thompson, Troop F, 8th cavalry, was seriously wounded.

The reports indicated that a detachment of the regular cavalry was supported in the clash by a detail of C company, 8th Massachusetts infantry.

More than 200 shots were fired during the engagement, it is reported. The Mexicans, it is believed, crossed the line to steal horses.

They were discovered by American outposts and were attacked by cavalry patrol. The Mexicans, mounted on good horses, attempted to flee but were intercepted and forced to fight.

Other reports reaching here said efforts to identify any of the Mexicans had been unsuccessful but it was believed they were members of one of the Villa bands.

Advices here said the Massachusetts company engaged was commanded by Captain Cushing and most of its members are said to have come from Cambridge.

Boston, July 31.—Company C of the Eighth Massachusetts Infantry regiment, reported as participating in a border clash with Mexican bandits today, was recruited almost entirely from Cambridge. The command is headed by Captain E. Dwight Cushing.

FIFTY MILLIONS LOSS, 20 DEAD IN EXPLOSIONS

Believed That Members of Crews of Barges That Were Wrecked Have Been Lost—Two Officials Under Arrest and Third is Sought By Police—Property Damage Will Be Terrific, Extending Over Big Area.

New York, July 31.—Deaths in the terrific explosions of munitions on Black Tom pier in Jersey City early Sunday may total 20 or more.

Three are known dead and it is believed that members of the crews of many barges that were blown to bits or fired by the explosion have been lost.

Estimates today of the property damage ranged as high as \$50,000,000.

The National Storage Co.'s loss is about \$15,000,000. The company lost 13 warehouses in the fire that followed the explosion. Buildings at Bedloe's Island were damaged by exploding shells to the extent of \$100,000. At Ellis Island, the damage from the same cause will be nearly as great.

More than a million dollar's loss was sustained in New York city through the shattering of plate glass windows. Similar damage was inflicted in cities within a radius of 15 miles.

Theodore B. Johnson, president of a lightering company, is sought on a warrant charging manslaughter. His company's barge loaded with munitions, it is alleged, was moored to the Black Tom pier, in violation of the law. W. E. Dickman, pier agent of the Lehigh Valley railroad, and Alexander Davidson, warehouse superintendent for the National Storage Co., were arrested last night on similar charges.

Several investigations were commenced today to discover the origin of the fire which caused the explosion. One of the investigations is conducted by Col. Beverly W. Dunn, chief inspector of the bureau of explosives of the Ammunition Railway Association and the Interstate Commerce Commission. He is aided by 30 inspectors. The county prosecutor and city authorities in Jersey are making investigations also.

It is understood that agents of the department of Jersey City are making inquiries to learn whether the explosion was the work of incendiary. Conflicting reports as to the cause are still circulated.

The work of repairing the damage to the buildings on Bedloe's and Ellis Islands and in New York and Jersey City began today. The immigration station at Ellis Island had the appearance of a warping village, the roof of the hospital caved in, the main door blown away and the dining and reserve rooms were destroyed.

The building on Bedloe's Island with doors blown in and windows shattered showed the marks of an eight-hour bombardment of shrapnel, iron bolts and spikes, pieces of steel and chain. The roof of an iron warehouse was pushed off and the sand walls were filled with smoke, while the homes of the army officers are stripped of their chimneys and walls and plaster are shattered. The Statue of Liberty virtually is undamaged, but the doors to the pedestal are blown in.

(Detailed story of the big explosion and fire at Jersey City will be found on page 11 of The Farmer, today.)

AUSTRIAN RULER SERIOUSLY SICK, VIENNA REPORTS

London, July 31.—Emperor Francis Joseph of Austria caught a severe chill while inspecting his troops, says a Vienna despatch forwarded to London by correspondent at The Hague of the Exchange Telegraph company. His majesty is described as being very ill.

THE WEATHER

Forecast: Generally fair tonight and Tuesday.

DUKE IS NAMED TO IRISH POST AS SECRETARY

London, July 31.—Henry Edward Duke, a barrister and member of parliament for Exeter, was today appointed to be the new chief secretary of Ireland in succession to Augustine Birrell. The new chief secretary will be given a seat in the cabinet. No new lord lieutenant of Ireland will be appointed to succeed Lord Wimborne, who resigned after the outbreak of the Dublin rebellion.